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STONEHOUSE AND ELF ACTIVITIES IN NORTH AMERICA

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1. TOWARD END APRIL 13 DISCUSSION WITH PRIMIN AND FONMIN
(REF. B), I DESCRIBED THE APRIL 8 ATTACK ON STONEHOUSE
COMPOUND IN ASMARA BY PERSONS PRESUMED TO BE ELF.
I SAID WE MUST NOW ANTICIPATE FURTHER STRIKES IF ATTACK MEANS
ELF HAS CONCLUDED THAT CHANGE TO MORE MILITANT POSTURE
HENCEFORTH IN ITS INTEREST. IN SHORT WE MIGHT HAVE
CONSIDERABLY LARGER SECURITY PROBLEM. WHILE COOPERATION
IEG AUTHORITIES ON SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN ASMARA AND
ERITREA HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN EXCELLENT, WE DESIRE ALL
POSSIBLE IEG ASSISTANCE TO DEAL WITH THIS NEW THREAT TO
AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN ERITREA.

2. PRIMIN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD INSTRUCT
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GOVGEN OF ERITREA IMMEDIATELY TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

3. MINISTER KIFLE THEN ADVERTED TO SECURITY PROBLEM OF ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. HE PRAISED COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT, POLICE, FBI, EPS BUT NOTED INCREASING ELF ACTIVITY "IN NORTH AMERICA." HE SAID ELF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER; MOBILIZING ERITREAN STUDENTS; HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY; AND TRIED MOUNT OPERATION AGAINST EMBASSY WHICH FOILED BY ALERT SECURITY OFFICER WHO INFORMED POLICE. THIS IS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO IEG.
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